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In 183 of the largest and most representative cities in the United States the average domestic water rate is 18 cents per 100 cubic feet. In Los Angeles the Municipal Water Bureau rate is 13 cents per 100 cubic feet. On the basis of this rate, Los Angeles gets its water for less than 5 cents a ton.

Costly Service—Low Rates

The Municipal Water Bureau has built and is operating for the people of Los Angeles a great Aqueduct system which delivers water to this city from the snow-capped peaks of the Owens Valley-High Sierra region, 250 miles distant. No other city in America is required to go half this far for its domestic water.

After the Aqueduct water has completed its 250-mile journey to the gates of Los Angeles, it must be distributed over the largest city area in the United States. Los Angeles covers 441 square miles and the Municipal Water Bureau has installed and is operating 3200 miles of mains to serve the 1,300,000 water consumers living in this far-flung area.

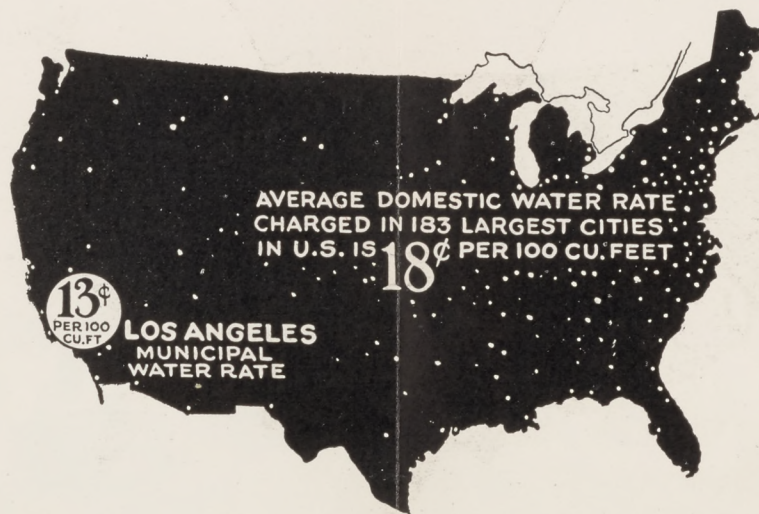
Los Angeles' uneven topography makes it a beautiful home city. It also makes it an expensive city to serve with water. In order to reach its consumers, the Water Bureau must deliver water at elevations varying from sea level to 1400

feet above sea level—a condition requiring costly water lifts by means of pumping plants.

In a region with a limited water supply available, the Water Bureau has been faced with the task of meeting an ever-increasing demand for this precious commodity. As an indication of Los Angeles' growing water requirements, the records disclose that in 1920 this city was consuming an average of 80 million gallons of water daily. In 1928, Los Angeles is consuming an average of 150 million gallons daily—an 87 per cent increase. To meet this demand, the Water Bureau has installed more than 1500 miles of distributing mains during the past five years, or approximately one-half of the total mileage of mains now in service. It has invested more than \$12,000,000 during the past five years in the purchase of Owens Valley water lands.

All of this work and all of these investments must be financed out of Water Bureau earnings.

Los Angeles' water supply is recognized as one of the most healthful in the country. Its unflinching purity is safeguarded by a thorough system of daily laboratory tests.



An ample and reliable water supply is the life blood of a great city. The Municipal Water Bureau is dedicated to the task of keeping pace with Los Angeles' water needs.
